

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A television system, said system comprising:

a display screen and a broadcast data receiver for the reception of data broadcast from a broadcaster at a remote location, said data including any or any combination of video, audio and/or auxiliary data, at least part of said data being processed by the broadcast data receiver to generate an electronic program guide, said electronic program guide containing information relating to a range of programs available for viewing at that instant or in the future, and displaying said electronic program guide on the display screen, wherein the broadcast data receiver is provided with a facility allowing a user to select to view from the electronic program guide, ~~for a pre-determined period of time;~~ a visual display of each, or a pre-determined selection, of the programs available for viewing at that instant or for a particular time period in the future, a selectably entered pre-determined display time for each pre-determined selected program, and on user selection of the facility, the broadcast data receiver shows a visual display of each predetermined program for the selectably entered pre-determined display time in sequence for said ~~the~~ selectably entered pre-determined period of time until a user makes a selection of a particular program being shown or until all the programs available, or the pre-determined selection of programs, have been shown for the selectably entered pre-determined period of time.

2. Canceled

3. (Previously Presented) A television system according to claim 1 wherein said pre-determined period of time for which each program can be viewed is determined by the broadcaster.

4. (Previously Presented) A television system according to claim 1 wherein said pre-determined period of time for which each program can be viewed is determined by the user and, on selection of the pre-determined period of time, the broadcast date receiver displays the programs for the user selected period of time.
5. (Previously Presented) A television system according to claim 1 wherein the programs available for viewing using the facility are a number of programs pre-selected in relation to any user and/or user defined groupings.
6. (Previously Presented) A television system according to claim 5 wherein the programs being shown via the facility are based on the user's favorite channel and/or program list.
7. (Previously Presented) A television system according to claim 1 wherein the programs available for viewing using the facility are a number of programs identified on the basis of user defined subject matter input into the system.
8. (Canceled)
9. (Previously Presented) A television system according to claim 1 wherein the user is able to select a particular program for watching subsequently at the time of the visual display for that program being shown.

10. (Previously Presented) A television system according to claim 1 wherein a textual message is generated on screen for each program being shown via the facility to inform the user of details relating to each of the said programs.

11. (Previously Presented) A television system according to claim 1 wherein selections made from the group consisting of selection of the facility, selection of the subject matter to which the programs shown via the facility relate, selection of the pre-determined period of time for which the programs are shown for and selection of a particular program to subsequently be viewed, are achieved via a remote control device used in conjunction with the broadcast data receiver.

12. (Currently Amended) A broadcast data receiver, said broadcast data receiver comprising:
being connected to or integrally formed with a display screen, and receiving data from a broadcaster at a remote location, said data including any or any combination of video, audio and/or auxiliary data, at least part of said data being processed by the broadcast data receiver to generate an electronic program guide containing information relating to a range of programs for viewing at that instant or in the future and displaying said electronic program guide on the display screen, said broadcast data receiver is provided with a facility allowing a user to select to view from the electronic program guide, ~~for a pre-determined period of time,~~ a visual display for each, or a pre-determined selection, of the programs available for viewing for a particular time period and a selectably entered pre-determined time for each pre-determined selected program is provided, and, on user selection of the facility, the broadcast data receiver shows each program in sequence for said

selectably entered pre-determined period of time until a user makes a selection of a particular program being shown or until all the programs available, or the pre-determined selection of programs, have been shown for the pre-determined period of time.

13. (Currently Amended) An electronic program guide, said electronic program guide comprising:

being generated by a broadcast data receiver for display on a display screen and containing information relating to a range of programs for viewing at that instant or in the future; and

a facility is provided by the broadcast data receiver for selection by a user using the electronic program guide allowing the user to select to view, for a selectably entered pre-determined period of time, a visual display for each, or a pre-determined selection, of the programs available for viewing for a particular time period and, on user selection of the facility, the electronic program guide shows each program in sequence for said selectably entered predetermined period of time until a user makes a selection of a particular program being shown or until all the programs available, or the predetermined selection of programs, have been shown for the predetermined period of time.

14. (Currently Amended) A method of reviewing a number of programs identified in an electronic program guide being generated from a broadcast data receiver for display on a display screen, said electronic program guide containing information relating to a range of programs for viewing at that instant or in the future, said method comprising the steps of:

a user selecting to view, for a selectably entered pre-determined period of time, all or a pre-determined selection, of programs available for viewing at that instant or for a particular time period

in the future;

said broadcast data receiver generating visual displays for each of said programs in sequence for said selectably entered pre-determined time periods; and

said broadcast data receiver showing each program in sequence for said selectably entered pre-determined period of time until a user makes a selection of a particular program being shown or until all the programs available, or the pre-determined selection of programs, have been shown for the pre-determined period of time.